

Troopers Investigating Pair of Title Loan Business Robberies

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New Castle County- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives are currently investigating the robberies of a pair of area title loan businesses that occurred in Wilmington and New Castle late last month.

The first incident occurred on Monday, May 23, 2016, at approximately 7:45 p.m., as a male suspect entered the Northeast Title Loans located at 2900 Concord Pike, Wilmington. The suspect, who was armed with an unknown make and model handgun, confronted a male employee of the business. He then demanded money from the cash registers, as well as the keys to the employee's car. The employee complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to him as well as the keys to his 2011 Hyundai Sonata. The suspect then exited the business and fled from the parking lot in the victim's car. The victim was not injured. Troopers were able to locate the victim's unoccupied car approximately 3 hours later in the parking lot of the St. Mary Magdalen Church located at 7 Sharpley Road, Wilmington.

The suspect was described as a black male 20-30 years of age. He was 5'06"-5'08" tall, weighed 180-200 lbs., and was last seen wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black jeans, and grey sneakers. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

The second incident occurred at approximately 4:15 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016, as three male suspects entered the Loan Max, located at 1517 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle. All three

suspects were armed with unknown make and model handguns. They then confronted three employees of the business and demanded money from the registers as well as the employee's cell phones. All three employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over their cell phones as well as an undisclosed amount of money to them. The suspects then fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

All three suspects were described as black males 25-35 years of age. Two of the suspect's were 5'07"-5'11" tall, weighed 165-185 lbs., and were last seen wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. The third suspect weighed 185-205 lbs., and was last seen wearing a white t-shirt and dark grey sweatpants. There is no further physical or clothing description available.

Both of these incidents remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police. Robbery Unit detectives do not believe that they are related however. No video surveillance photos are available to be released at this time.

If anyone has any information in reference to this incident they are asked to contact the robbery unit at Troop 2 at 302-365-8655. Information may also be provided by calling [Delaware Crime Stoppers](#) at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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